

COL. F. M. PARKER.

Gallant Confederate Soldier.

A BEAUTIFUL TRIBUTE TO HIS MEMORY.

News and Observer, Jan. 19th.

The many friends and admirers of Col. F. M. Parker throughout the State will deeply regret to learn that he passed away at his home at Enfield on Tuesday night, Jan. 17th.

Col. Parker was one of the most distinguished of the North Carolina soldiers during the war. He was born in Enfield on the 21st of September, 1827, in a community where his ancestors had settled many generations before. He was a descendant of John

Havard the first of that name to come to North Carolina; and he was a grandson of Captain Henry Irwin, leader of the Second North Carolina Continental Regiment, and of near kin of Col. Henry Irwin who was killed at the battle of Germantown. He was educated at Lovejoy's Academy at Raleigh, at Dr. Wilson's "Caldwell Institute" and at Vale College. He married Miss Sallie T. Phillips, a sister of the late Judge Phillips who died at his home in Rocky Mount only two days ago. He settled down as a farmer on his plantation in Halifax county and gave for the interruption of the war, he steadily pursued that vocation until two years ago a slight stroke of paralysis incapacitated him for active work. His fine character and sterling worth gave him steadily high rank among the leading men of his community. He was closely associated with his kinsman, Governor Clark of Tarboro, and when war became inevitable in 1861 he joined in raising a company called the "Enfield Blues," of which he was elected the second lieutenant, and which became Company I of the First Regiment, organized by the State and known as the famous "Bethel Regiment," and Lieutenant Parker received his baptism of blood at Bethel, being in command of his company during the progress of that battle. A little later, on the resignation of the captain of the company, Lieutenant Parker was elected to succeed him, and in October on the organization of the 30th North Carolina Regiment, Captain Parker was elected Colonel of that regiment and his subsequent military career was in that capacity. Under his training the regiment became famous for its constancy and endurance. It entered on its career of glory at the battle of Seven Pines on the 31st of May, 1862, and was soon afterwards assigned to a brigade commanded by Gen. George B. Anderson and participated in the seven days' battles around Richmond, and again it distinguished itself at the battle of South Mountain. In particular it won fame at the bloody Lane on the 17th of September near Sharpsburg. It was there that General Anderson fell and Col. Parker was killed and Colonel Parker himself desperately wounded. On that occasion as the enemy approached, Col. Parker cautioned his men to hold their fire until he should give the command and then to take deliberate and certain aim and to fire at the carriage boxes, thus shooting neither too high nor too low. They obeyed his directions and gave a volley which brought down the enemy as grain falls before the reaper.

The regiment performed good service at Fredericksburg and also at Chancellorsville, being one of the twenty North Carolina regiments that accompanied Jackson in his famous movement across Hooker's front and striking Howard's corps in reverse. Col. Parker used to be fond of telling how he enjoyed the sight of the Dutchmen tumbling over their works and running for dear life and repeating that ominous word, "Shackson, Shackson!" On that occasion Col. Parker gained particular distinction. He was directed by Gen. Ramseur to support Pegram's battery which was being threatened, and then to act on his own responsibility. After the danger to Pegram had passed he led the 30th North Carolina in the direction of the heavy firing, and, after proceeding a mile received the fire of the enemy from behind breastworks, which he charged and captured. Then continuing in the same direction he struck another force of the enemy which was attacking Ramseur's flank. There he drove from the field, taking many prisoners, and he relieved Ramseur's brigade which was in great peril from its attack. In his advance Col. Parker reached a point very near General Hooker's headquarters and he was far in advance of any other Confederate troops that General Stuart, who had succeeded Jackson in command of Jackson's corps, opened two pieces of artillery on the 30th until it was ascertained that it was a Confederate regiment they were assailing.

Accompanying Lee in the invasion of Pennsylvania, Colonel Parker and his regiment reached the highest point northward attained by any other Confederate regiment and occupied Carlyle Barracks. Hurrying to the field of Gettysburg his command found the enemy behind stone walls from which they were driven into and beyond the town of Gettysburg, the fighting being of a desperate character. On that occasion Colonel Parker himself was

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again wounded. He however shared in all the arduous services of the regiment during that winter and led it in the battles of the Wilderness and Spottsylvania. The charge of Ramseur's brigade of which the 30th North Carolina was a part, on May 12th, at Spottsylvania is historic and the loss of the 30th on that occasion was heavy both in officers and men, and also the regiment suffered heavily on the 19th of May at Spottsylvania, and there Colonel Parker received a wound which disqualified him for active service, and his service with Lee's army then terminated. The records of the war indicate that the North Carolina regiments lost heavier than the regiments from any other State, and among them all none ever did bloodier work than the 30th North Carolina. In General Cox's account of the brigade, he says: "F. M. Parker, the courteous and refined colonel of the 30th, was a brave, cool and excellent officer, and ever observant of his duties to the cause and to his command. He was severely wounded in nearly every important engagement in which he participated."

After his health had been somewhat restored, toward the end of the war, Colonel Parker was assigned to duty at Raleigh where he was until the approach of General Sherman in April, 1865, and he was surrendered by General Johnson at Greensboro. In the service he had been particularly careful of his men and enjoyed their full confidence and regard. They knew that he did the best he could for their comfort and for their security, and they had a warm personal attachment for him. One of his marked characteristics as an officer was the boldness with which he would occupy a perilous position and the stubbornness with which he would hold it. Danger, peril, seemed to make no impression upon him. He never felt back.

In private life the chief characteristics that distinguished him were unselfishness, gentleness and modesty, combined with genial spirit and unflinching friendship for those closely associated with him. He lived much of the love of his friends. Returning to his farm after the war, he pursued his business with great energy and with gratifying success, considering the adverse circumstances attending arming operations. On the formation of the United Veteran Association throughout the Confederate States, he was elected General of the North Carolina division, and in recent years has been known as General Parker. General Parker had been particularly devoted in his family circle. He has five children, all of whom as well as Mrs. Parker, survive him.

General Parker fell into ill health some months since and has gradually weakened by the progress of his malady, but his death was somewhat sudden and unexpected at the time he passed away.

One by one the Confederate heroes cross the river and rest under the shade of the trees with Jackson and Lee, and to knightly gentleman, no more courageous soldier, modest, but the soul of gallantry, typical of our North Carolina people, has ever joined the noble army of the illustrious leaders who have passed on.

Mr. E. J. Allen Dead.

Morning Post, Jan. 21st.

A telegram was received here Thursday announcing the sudden death at his home near Littleton of Mr. E. J. Allen, an honored and respected citizen of that section. He had passed his seventy-fifth year. His death was unexpected and his wife and daughter, Miss Bessie Allen, were in Raleigh at the time. Mr. Allen was the father of Mrs. George M. Loeffer and Mr. Henry J. Young of this city. Mrs. A. J. Allen and Mrs. H. J. Young left yesterday afternoon for Littleton in response to the telegram.

A GRIM TRAGEDY

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The time has come when something practical must be done, something besides advice and suggestions.

It will take ten million dollars in all hard cash to start with, to carry our plan to a successful termination. When we once get ten million, there will be no trouble to get an unlimited amount, but like the millionaires of today, their greatest struggle was for their first thousand. A short and partial synopsis of our plan is this—Form the Southern States Cotton Company, application for charter which will be made. This company will be a stock company and every shareholder will participate in its profits. The company will issue ten million shares of stock, par value being one dollar per share—(nothing less than ten shares will be issued). We want every bank in the Southern States to take one hundred shares, every merchant to take at least ten shares and every planter to take one share for each bale of cotton he raised last season.

Then let every one else take as many shares as they will.

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HEALTH OF WHITE PEOPLE.

According to Naval Authority Is Apt to Suffer in the Philippines.

Surgeon W. H. Bucher, of the navy, stationed at Olongapo, P. I., has made an interesting report to the navy department regarding certain peculiar physical results of prolonged service in the Philippines. "There are certain changes," he says, "that take place in those individuals who are compelled to live here which are worthy of noting. Some show evidences of this change early, while in others it does not appear until considerable time has elapsed. It comes to all, however, in greater or less degree. The first symptom is loss of memory and the necessity of using a note book to put down almost everything. About the same time an indifference, so common among the natives, made the natives for the foreigner and a daily battle against 'manana' tendency is necessary to keep it from interfering with his duties. This indifference is not confined to himself. The dogs in the street move about in a stupid state, and one is compelled to stop frequently when driving to prevent running over these animals that have not concern enough for their welfare to move when in danger. An expression is used to designate this condition, Philippiitis. Among the enlisted force that arrives many are of unstable nervous organizations, and in the process of degeneration these people follow the lines of least resistance. Alcoholism, excessive use of tobacco and other excesses are the usual signals of an impoverished nervous system which, under ordinary circumstances, would require no stimulation. The drinking of vino is common among the enlisted force, and the train of unfortunate symptoms following this habit has no doubt been noted by others with longer experience than mine. While all these ills cannot be attributed to the climate and environment, there is a frequency in their occurrence and a manner about the way in which they are committed that is different from that seen elsewhere. It was a wise step to cut the cruise in these islands down to two years, and I thoroughly believe that observations will prove that even two years is too long for a white man to maintain his health in this climate."

CHARACTER OF FILIPINOS.

Very Few Officials in Charge of Public Affairs Show Executive Ability.

Fred W. Atkinson, who was the first superintendent of education in the Philippines under the American control, writes of the Filipino in World's Work: "An experience of three years in the Philippines has brought me to the conclusion that the Filipinos are incapable of self-government. They are managed by a few ambitious leaders. They have not yet cultivated a sense of fair play and tolerance for those who differ in opinion, and yet, although the gift self-government in full measure was not possible, the United States bestowed it to a degree by granting practical autonomy in provincial and municipal affairs. There are some 600 towns in which natives have in the main the same control over their local affairs as is enjoyed by the residents of towns of corresponding size in the United States, but a concentration of government powers has been found.

"Very few of them, however, show executive ability, and some of them betray obstinate inefficiency and inactivity. The tendency everywhere in the east is in the direction of one-man power, and too often in the Philippines, the mayor or provincial governor dominates everything as far as he can. He is very ready with promises, but as some one has said: 'The Filipino never says "no," but never does "yes."'" When asked for information, he studies you, and is inclined to give you the answer he thinks you want. Indirectness is a trait and the giving of gifts by subjects to those in authority a custom common in the Philippines. From instinct the Filipino agrees with the boddier's opinion that there is no use in holding an office unless it can be turned to profit. It is hard for Filipinos to understand that the giving of presents to government officials is not right; it is very difficult for them to believe that a man because he happens to be while, has any scruples against it. They look with a measure of contempt upon a man who refuses."

Black Lily of Philippines.

Duma's Black Lily has its modern version in the black lily, a flower of the Philippines whose beauties were born to blush unseen by the occidental eye until recently discovered by two American teacher explorers, who detected it through its odor. The odor is by no means the proverbial fragrance of lilies white or orange-hued, but a pungent smell of rottenness that almost defeats and defies investigation. The Filipinos call it Mayflower, as it blossoms during the month of May alone. While blossoming it is absolutely without leaves, which are put forth after the flower has died. The blossom rests directly on the ground and is about eight or nine inches high, with a calyx often one foot in diameter. The leaves often attain a height of three or four feet and are shaped like those of the calla lily, although they are divided into an irregular number of lobes and fronds. The odor seems to come from a clear, viscous fluid which exudes from the corolla and stigma, and is not present during budding time—Nature.

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